SUBJECT No. 57.

Magisterial powers to Sub Registrars.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The recent re-organization of the Registration Department has given the Sub-Registrars better prospects. Some of these officials may be entrusted with Magisterial powers; and in such places, the Amildars may be divested of their powers. This will be a good experiment for the separation of the executive and judicial functions. If all cannot be invested, at least the 1st Grade Sub-Registrars may be tried.

Reply of Government.—This subject was brought up in 1903 also, and it was only recently decided that it is not expedient to assign magisterial work to Sub-Registrars at this stage (*vide* Government Order No. 1772-93—Regn. 7-6, dated 4th January 1905).

SUBJECT No. 58.

Copy of Khetwar to be kept at Sub-Registrar's Office.

Mr. Danti Naranappa of Sidlaghatta.

Summary of discussion.—Index books maintained in the Sub-Registrar's Office do not show full particulars regarding the residence, etc., of the executant. It is therefore difficult to find out transfers of lands. It is proposed that a copy of the Khetwar of each village may be ordered to be kept in the Sub-Registrar's Office so that needful entries may be made against survey numbers to facilitate references.

Reply of Government.—The particulars required as to residence, occupation, etc., can be had from the nominal Index. It is not clear how a further description of the executant as suggested will help to find out transfers of lands. At present claimants are encouraged to obtain Vargrajinamas from executants of transfers of entire Survey numbers or of recognized shares of Survey numbers and present them to Sub-Registrars who forward them to Amildars for verification. The maintenance of a separate register in each Sub-Registrar's office to show the succession of title to each Survey number registered is not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Registration of Koru saguvali chits.

Mr. T. Devappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is no provision in the Stamp Act as to what should be the value of the Stamp paper on which Koru saguvali chits tenable for one year are to be written. The quantity of produce to be given cannot be mentioned in the chit as the stipulation will be that he should give produce just like his neighbours. When the quantity is not mentioned, Rs. 5 will have to be paid for Registration fees. This is too heavy a charge and so Koru sagavali chits cannot be registered. The Inspector-General of Registration when touring in these parts said that saguvali chits should be registered. It has mostly been the practice to give lands for Koru saguvali and not for "Geni saguvali" (quantity of fixed produce) and therefore it is requested that orders may be passed to allow the same privileges for the registration of Koru saguvali chits as in the case of Geni saguvali chits where no mention will